



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 5

230 SOUTH DEARBORN ST.

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

5HE-12

17 OCT 1986

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

DEAN MARAGOS, PRESIDENT

AMCHEMTEX, INC.

932 WEST WASHINGTON

CHICAGO, IL 60607

Re: Sites Connected with Steve Martell  
Northeast, Illinois and Northwest, Indiana

Dear Sir or Madam:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has documented the release and/or threatened release of hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants at the sites listed in the Attachment. The Agency has spent and is planning to spend public funds to control and investigate these threatened releases. This action will be taken by U.S. EPA pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. Responsible parties under CERCLA include the current and former owners or operators, and persons who generated the hazardous substances or were involved in transport, treatment, or disposal of them at the site(s).

The U.S. EPA is seeking to obtain information from you pursuant to its authority under Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604, and Section 3007 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6927, for the purpose of enforcing CERCLA and RCRA and for the purpose of assisting in determining the need for response to a release of hazardous substance(s) under CERCLA. The Administrator of the U.S. EPA has the authority to require any person who generates, stores, treats, transports, disposes, arranges for the disposal of or otherwise handles hazardous wastes and hazardous substances, as those terms are defined in Section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6903(5) and Section 101(4) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, to furnish the U.S. EPA with information related to such activities. Pursuant to these statutory provisions, you are hereby requested to submit the following information concerning the sites listed in the Attachment. The relevant time period of these questions is 1955 to 1980.

1. Provide copies of all shipping documents, or other business documents including receipts, and contracts relating to the transportation, storage and/or disposal of waste materials or substances at any of the sites listed in the Attachment.

2. Provide copies of all shipping documents, or other business documents including receipts, and contracts, relating to the transportation, storage and/or disposal of waste materials or substances by business organizations related to Steve Martell or the sites connected with Steve Martell. (See the Attachment)
3. Identify and describe all business transactions with Mr. David Head, former Secretary-Treasurer for U.S. Scrap Corporation and/or Steve Martell, relating to the transportation, storage and/or disposal of waste materials or substances at the sites listed in the Attachment.
4. Describe what you requested and/or received from Mr. Martell, Mr. Head, or from any of the business organizations regarding the ultimate disposal location of your waste materials? (See the Attachment)
5. Provide the generic, common or trade name and the chemical composition and character (i.e. liquid, solid, sludge) of the materials transported to, stored and/or disposed of at the sites or by the business organizations listed in the Attachment.
6. For each waste material identified above, please give the total volume in gallons for liquids and in cubic yards for solids, for which you arranged disposal and list the dates when disposal occurred and the ultimate destination where disposal occurred.
7. Provide copies of all records, including analytical results, and material safety sheets, which indicate the chemical composition and/or chemical character of the waste material(s) transported to, stored, or disposed of at the sites or by the business organizations listed in the Attachment.
8. Identify the arrangements made to transport hazardous substances to the sites or with the business organizations listed in the Attachment. Identify the type of transportation used (i.e. tankers, dump trucks, drums), and the person with whom such arrangements were made (name, position, company).
9. Identify the transporter of your hazardous waste and provide former and current addresses.
10. Provide a detailed description of your daily disposal practices with regard to hazardous substances during the relevant time period of 1955 through 1980.
11. Provide a list and description of all liability insurance coverage that is or was carried by you, including any self-insurance provisions that relate to hazardous substances and to the sites listed in the Attachment. Include copies of all these insurance policies.

To assist you in answering this request, the information sought pertains to any and all information in your possession, custody or control relating to the operation/cleanup of the sites and to the transportation, storage, and/or disposal of hazardous substances, or the generation of hazardous substances which were ultimately disposed of, or offered for disposal at the sites or by the business organizations listed in the Attachment. The relevant time period for this request is from 1955 through 1980.

For purposes of this information request, "shipping documents" shall mean all contracts, agreements, purchase orders, requisitions, pick-up, or delivery tickets, customs forms, freight bills, shipping memoranda, order forms, weight tickets, work orders, manifests, shipping orders, packing slips, shipping logs, bills of lading, invoices, bills, and any other similar documents that evidence discrete transactions involving shipment or the arrangement for shipment of waste materials to, through, or from the sites and business organizations listed in the Attachment. "Waste Materials" shall mean hazardous substances, solid wastes and hazardous wastes and other materials which may or may not contain pollutants and shall include reclaimed and off-specification material of any kind.

This information should be sent to the following:

Mr. Joseph DeVuono (5HE-12)  
Waste Management Division  
U.S. EPA - Region V  
230 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604


The information sought herein must be sent to U.S. EPA within thirty (30) calendar days of your receipt of this letter. Under Section 3008 in RCRA, 42 U.S.C. § 6928, failure to comply with this request may result in an order requiring compliance or in a civil action for appropriate relief which would include penalties of up to \$25,000 per day of noncompliance. Failure to comply with this request under Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9604 may also result in civil enforcement action against you by U.S. EPA.

The information requested herein must be provided notwithstanding its possible characterization as confidential information or trade secrets. You may request however, that such information be handled as confidential business information. A request for confidential treatment must be made when the information is provided to U.S. EPA, since any information not so identified will not be accorded this protection by the U.S. EPA. Information claimed as confidential will be handled in accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

The written statements submitted pursuant to this request must be notarized and submitted under the signature of a duly authorized corporate official certifying that all information contained therein is true and accurate to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief and that a diligent search for all documents responsive to this request has been completed. All documents submitted to Region V pursuant to this information request should be certified as true and authentic to the best of the signatory's knowledge and belief. Should the signatory find, at any time after the submittal of the requested information, that any portion of the submitted information is false, the signatory should notify U.S. EPA promptly. If any answer certified as true should be found to be untrue, the signatory can and may be prosecuted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1001.

If you need further information regarding this U.S. EPA information request, you may contact Joseph DeVuono of the Hazardous Waste Enforcement Branch at (312) 886-7591.

Sincerely yours,

  
Basil G. Constantelos, Director  
Waste Management Division

Attachment

SITES AND BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS  
RELATED TO STEVE MARTELL

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

U.S. Scrap Corporation  
Liquid Engineering Corporation  
Penn Central Corporation  
Black Oak Development Corporation (Illinois)  
U.S. Drum Disposal Corporation  
Black Oak Development Corporation (Indiana)  
DCC Corporation  
Drum Chemical Treatment and Disposal Corporation  
Stryker Corporation  
Stryker International, Inc.  
Paxton Landfill Corporation  
Calumet Land Reclamation Company  
Zelrio, Inc.  
Liquid Waste, Inc.  
Environmental Clearing House Organization (ECHO)  
Alburn, Inc.  
Chemical Incineration, Inc.

SITES

U.S. Scrap Site  
119 & Cottage Grove, Chicago, IL  
Penn Central Site  
Between 123rd & 130th Streets, Chicago, IL  
9th Avenue Dump  
West 9th Avenue & Cline Road, Gary, IN  
Drum Chemical Treatment & Disposal Corporation Site  
110th & Champlain, Chicago, IL  
U.S. Drum I  
135th & Hoxie, Chicago, IL  
U.S. Drum II  
119th & Yates, Chicago, IL  
Paxton Landfill  
119th & Oglesby, Chicago, IL  
Alburn Incinerator  
2200 East 119th Street, Chicago, IL  
Midco I  
7400 West 15th Avenue, Gary, IN  
Midco II  
5900 Industrial Highway, Gary, IN  
Ottawa Site  
Ottawa, IL  
Bennett Landfill  
Rockdale, IL  
Black Oak Development Corporation Site  
Gary, IN  
Liquid Engineering Site  
Gary, IN  
Kensington Yard  
Chicago, IL  
Green Dump Site  
Gary, IN

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PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, \$300



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